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PARIS FOR MELONE

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PRIVATE APPROACH ON IMPROVED US-LIBYAN RELATIONS

REF: PARIS 24120

1. LIBYAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON PASSED TO AFN COUNTRY DIRECTOR WEISLOGEL TELEX FROM DAKHIL TEXT OF WHICH REPORTED PARA 1 REFTEL. BACKGROUND OF INFORMAL APPROACH BY TWO PRIVATE BUSINESSMEN ANASTASIOS PEROUSTIANIS AND SPYROS STIGUAS (LATTER A GREEK NATIONAL RESIDING IN BENGHAZI) PROVIDED AMERICAN EMBASSIES PARIS AND TRIPOLI BY OFFICIAL/INFORMAL LETTER OF AUGUST 11.

2. IN PHONE CALL TO AFN DIRECTOR AUGUST 19, PEROUSTIANIS EXPRESSED SURPRISE THAT DAKHIL HAD SENT CABLE VIA LIBYAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON. HE STATED SITUATION HAD CHANGED SOMEWHAT SINCE HE AND SPYROS ORIGINALLY CALLED AT DEPARTMENT IN JUNE AND IMPLIED DAKHIL MIGHT NOT BE MAKING APPROACH WITH FULL KNOWLEDGE AND BACKING HIS GOVERNMENT.

3. DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS DAKHIL MAY NOT BE IN OFFICIAL
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GOOD GRACES AND THAT HE HAS UNSAVORY REPUTATION PERSONALLY.

HIS MOTIVES ARE AT BEST UNCLEAR, AND WE ARE ALL THE LESS
INCLINED TO TALK TO HIM.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY PARIS (MELONE OR OTHER
OFFICER AT EMBASSY'S DISCRETION) CONTACT DAKHIL AT LIBYAN
EMBASSY AND TELL HIM THAT WE PREFER TO CONDUCT NORMAL BI-
LATERAL RELATIONS WITH LIBYA THROUGH NORMAL DIPLOMATIC
CHANNELS (OUR EMBASSY IN TRIPOLI OR LIBYAN EMBASSY,
WASHINGTON). PLEASE REPORT CONVERSATION TO DEPARTMENT WITH
INFO TRIPOLI, INCLUDING ANY IMPRESSIONS YOU MAY PICK UP
ABOUT HIS MOTIVATION AND INTENTIONS. ROGERS

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